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1. UNIP PARTY PAPER, THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA, COMMENTED
EDITORIALLY MARCH 11 ON THE OAU SUMIT. OBSERVING THAT MOST
AFRICANS WOULD LOVE TO BELIEVE THAT THE SPIRIT AND AGREEMENTS REACHED
AT THE SUMMIT WILL BE HONORED
AFTER THE EVENT, EDITORIAL STATES THAT SUMMIT CONFOUNDED ITS
DETRACTORS AS WELL AS ITS SUPPORTERS. DETRACTORS WERE CONFOUNDED
THAT SUMMIT OCCURRED AND SUPPORTERS WERE STRUCK BY THE UNANIMITY
OF THE CONCLAVE. THE BIGGEST BONANZA FOR THE AFRICANS WAS THE
FINANCIAL AID TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. EDITORIAL HOPES KAUNDA'S
CALL FOR CUTTING OFF OIL TO THE RACISTS WILL BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.
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THE OBSTACLE TO ACHIEVING THIS IS IRAN WHICH SHOULD ADOPT A LESS
AVARICIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE RACISTS. EDITORIAL BEMOANS
FACT THAT THERE ARE A GROUP OF COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD LIKE TO
DESTROY AFRO-ARAB UNITY AND PREVENT AFRICA FROM EMERGING FROM THE
MORASS OF POVERTY. ISRAEL MUST BE COUNTED AMONG SUCH COUNTRIES
BECAUSE IT HAS CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD AFRICA BECAUSE
OF AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIANS. IT IS AGAINST ISRAEL

AND ITS FRIEND WHICH THE AFRO-ARABS MUST PRESERVE THEIR UNITY.

2. IN POSITIVE, HORTATORY TONE THE GOVT DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL OF MARCH 11 INTERPRETED THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DECLARATIONS OF THE SUMMIT AS THE HARBINGER OF THE EMERGENCE OF A FORMIDABLE POWER BLOC IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. THE CAIRO DECLARATION HAS OPENED PROSPECT THAT DEVELOPING ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES WILL NOT HAVE TO TURN TO THE EAST OR WEST FOR LOANS WITH SPRINGS. THIS IN TURN SHOULD LEAD TO CLOSING OF AFRO-ARAB TIES AND INCREASES IN TRADE. THIS WILL BE A BITTER PIL FOR THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO WILL SEE THEIR ADVANTAGE OF BEING LENDER SLIP AWAY. THESE COUNTRIES WILL TRY TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN THE ARABS AND THE AFRICANS.
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